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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Ann Marie Schmidt, et al.  
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For : EXTRACELLULAR NOVEL RAGE BINDING PROTEIN (EN-  
RAGE) AND USES THEREOF

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**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the September 18, 2006 Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The fee for a three-month extension of time is \$510.00 for a small entity, and a check for that amount is enclosed. With the three-month extension, a response to the September 18, 2006 Final Office Action is due March 18, 2007. However, because March 18, 2007 falls on a Sunday, a response filed the next business day, i.e., Monday, March 19, 2007, is considered timely. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$510.00 fee for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

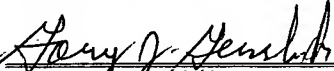
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